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1. The Communist Party in Belgium is in a bad financial condition, lacks sound leadership and is, at present, in a very weak position in labor groups, except for the low-grade coal areas of the Borinage and in one small dock workers' syndicate in Antwerp.
2. Very recently the Central Committee of the FGTB (Federation Generale des Travailleurs Belges), which in 1945 was a 50-50 coalition of Socialists and Communists with a membership of 500,000, has ousted all Communist committee members, because Communist Party now controls only seven percent of the Federation membership.
3. According to figures available in Brussels, the over-all Communist strength in Belgium is now between four and five percent.

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